

5195. Adulteration of pork and beans. U. S. * * * v. 250 Cases of Pork and Beans. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 7554. I. S. No. 462-L. S. No. E-655.)

On June 22, 1916, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 250 cases of pork and beans, consigned by Hart Bros., Saginaw, Mich., and remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Reading, Pa., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about March 14, 1916, and transported from the State of Michigan into the State of Pennsylvania, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: "White Elk Brand With Tomato Sauce Pork & Beans. * * *."

It was charged in substance in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed vegetable substance.

On July 31, 1916, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*